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Mr. Patrick Mcgrath, Jr.  
2931 Edgewood Avenue  
Parkville, Maryland 21234

Dear Mr. Mcgrath:

Thank you for your electronic message of August 22, 2001, addressed to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, regarding Food and Drug Administration (FDA) docket 01N-0256: "Use of Opiate Analgesics in Various Patient Population, including Pediatric Patients." Senator Mikulski has asked us to respond directly to you.

We appreciate knowing your concerns regarding opioid and opioid-related drugs. We are forwarding your correspondence to the Dockets Management Branch. If you would like to contact them directly, the address is provided below:


Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, HFA-305  
Rockville, Maryland 20852  
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Controlled substances and production quotas are the jurisdiction of the Drug Enforcement Administration. You may contact them directly:

Drug Enforcement Administration  
Office of Diversion Control  
2401 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Thanks for contacting Senator Mikulski concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Melinda K. Plaisier  
Associate Commissioner  
for Legislation

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cc: Dockets Management Branch  
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The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
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September 28, 2001

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Food and Drug Administration  
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Dear Ms. Palisier:

I am writing to request your consideration of the attached correspondence from Mr. Patrick McGrath, Jr.. Please respond directly to Mr. McGrath and send a copy to Amy Short of my staff. If you have any questions, please call Amy Short at (202) 224-4654.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator

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08from= jp.mcgrath1@home.com

comment= Hon.Senator Mikulski; FDA-docket 01N-0256 is proposing a reduction in opoid and opoid related drugs. These proposed actions include limiting the drug companies production quotes; removing certain very strong narcotics and alternate analgesic drugs. They are also pressuring doctors about the number and type of prescriptions , in particular, chronic and acute pain patients. I'm a chronic pain patient. I'm totally disabled from a condition known as arachnoiditis which is degenerative and progressive . It has no cure and the current treatments are only pain management treatments. These treatments use several methods but all involve pain killer type drugs. Recently, I have developed an allergic codeine and almost all opoid-base medications. This has created a very difficult problems for my doctor's and myself. If FDA and DEA reduce our doctors ability to use any of these pain relievers or future drugs thousands of pain sufferer's will be condemned to suffer without hope. Please do

anything You can to he